Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) They were in charge of Police Stations, but not in charge of prosecution all along.

(b) They have been in charge of the prosecution of cases in the investigation of which they have not taken any part.

(c) No.

(d), (e) and (f) The collection of statistics involves much time and labour, which Government do not think it worth-while to do in public interests.

(g) Yes; it is the policy of the Department. This was one of the considerations for the appointment of Mr. Raman Menon.

(h) 6 days from 28th Kumbham 1096 to 3rd Meenam 1096.

(i) Yes.

(j) No.

(k) Mr. Sebastian acted as Division Inspector for three months about 20 years ago.

(l) The figures for the last five years are given below.

Mr. A. T. Thomas Rs. 12 on two occasions.
Mr. V. V. Sebastian Rs. 105 on five occasions.
Mr. K. Govindan Nayar Rs. 105 on four occasions.
Mr. P. V. Raman Menon Nil.

(m) Yes, all simple cases.

(n) Yes

(o) Yes

(p) No

(q) (i) No.

(ii) Yes.

(iii) Messrs. V. A. Pascal, A. L. Devassi and M. Balakrishna Menon, of whom the last two are Law Graduates.

Mr. Pascal was Prosecuting Inspector for about 18 years. Messrs. Devassi and Balakrishna Menon were appointed as Prosecuting Inspectors in 1106.

(iv) Yes, at the time when Messrs. Devassi aud Balakrishna Menon were appointed.

Maharaja's College, Ernakulam.

683. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether they have compared the floor area available in the Ernakulam College for College purposes with such area in other institutions affiliated to the Madras University, with particular reference to the restriction on admission of students ;

(b) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table a comparative statement showing the floor area available for different purposes in the Ernakulam College, and such area for such purposes in

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i. The Madras Presidency College,
ii. The Madras Christian College,
iii. The Pachayyappa's College,
iv. The Loyolla College,
v. College of Arts, Trivandrum,
vi. College of Science, Trivandrum?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Sub-divisions (a) & (b).

The Principals of the Colleges mentioned in sub-division (b) have been addressed in the matter. The information cannot be given as their replies have not been received.

Appointments—Principle regarding.

684. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. (a) whether it is priority of appointment in the service or (b) the total service that counts in the matter of filling up permanent vacancies ;

2. if it is priority in appointment, will the Government be pleased to state whether this rule has been invariably followed by appointing authorities ;

3. is the Government aware of a provision in the S. O. by which in the matter of appointments to short privilege leave vacancies the rule of priority of appointment need not be looked into ;

4. is not the Government aware that it is not the fault of those appointed earlier in service that they sometimes happen to have less total service than others who were appointed subsequent to them ;

5. does not the S. O. No. 16 enjoin on appointing authorities to make acting appointments with as much care as permanent ones and that the mere fact of having officiated in short vacancies will not confer any claim to permanent vacancies when they arise ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—1. Yes ; priority of appointment in the post *i. e.*, generally the length of continuous acting service unless other reasons exist.

2. Government expect the appointing authorities to follow the rules.

3. Yes.

4. There may be cases like that.

5. Yes.

Forest Department—Strength of Tanadars and Watchers.

685. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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